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## Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

Applicant mailed a response to a first Office action in the above patent application on 10/16/03; on 10/31/03, Examiner mailed Applicant a Notice that the amendment of 10/16/03 did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 in which Examiner indicated that Applicant had failed to present the amendments to the Specification in the form of entire paragraphs and had not labeled each claim with an identifier indicating its status. In the following, the amendments to the Specification are presented in proper form, as are the new claims.

## Please amend the Specification as follows:

## Page 27, line 14 – page 28, line 12

In addition, the user can view the hierarchy against certain-types of 15 information types of information that help inform the user about the impact of goals on the business domains (see Fig. 16) or the priority (see Fig. 17) or impact of each of the goals, or about its status, stage of development, or ownership accountability (see Fig. 18). Because these different views are a click away, the Agile Manager supports a dynamic decision making process where discussion can move quickly from strategic to tactical considerations. For example, if the topic is budgets, the user can sort by goal or project cost (see Fig. 19), or by priority or return on investment ("payback") (see Fig. 20) and can be provided with

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